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Port au Prince, Saint Marc, Cape Haitien, and Sanchez entered upon the 20th instant; the vessel had touched at Saint Thomas. All bills of health were clean and passengers were allowed to land whose destination was Porto Rico. The ship was placed in quarantine under guard while at this port. One sack of mail was removed to the island and subjected to disinfection.

The Cuban (formerly the provisional flag) steamship *Maria Herrera* entered on her regular schedule on the 31st, having touched at Cuban and Dominican ports. She had undergone her usual disinfection at Santiago de Cuba. All bills of health presented by the vessel were clean, and passengers from Porto Rico were permitted to land and the steamer was granted free pratique. One sack of mail from Puerto Plata was disinfected at the island.

I inclose vital statistics of San Juan.

The following embraces a summary of the number of vessels inspected at the subports during the month: Mayaguez, 7; Arecibo, 4; Humacao, 5; Aguadilla, 1; Fajardo, 1; Arroyo, 3.

The following is a report of the mortality at the subports: Mayaguez, 107; Arecibo, 92; Humacao, 54; Aguadilla, 29; Fajardo, 39; Arroyo, 20.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for the month of May, 1902.*

Aortic insufficiency.....	2	Myelitis.....	1
Athrepsia.....	2	Nephritis.....	1
Bright's disease.....	1	Old age.....	1
Bronchitis.....	1	Paralysis.....	1
Burned.....	1	Rhachitis.....	3
Cancer of liver.....	1	Stomatitis.....	1
Cardiac lesion.....	4	Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	16
Cerebral congestion.....	1	Wounded (shot).....	1
Endo-carditis.....	1		
Enteritis.....	5	Total.....	63
Entero-colitis.....	4		
Gangrene of scrotum.....	1	May, 1901—	
Gastro-enteritis.....	7	Births.....	72
Gastric catarrh.....	1	Deaths.....	66
Hemorrhage, pulmonary.....	1	May, 1902—	
Icterus.....	1	Births.....	76
Malaria.....	1	Deaths.....	63
Meningitis.....	3		

### *Reports from Ponce—End of smallpox.*

PONCE, P. R., June 9, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended June 7, 1902. Also the summary of transactions of this station and mortality report of the city for the month of May, 1902. During the week 2 vessels were inspected and passed and 5 bills of health were issued to outgoing vessels. The board of

health reports 1 new case of smallpox and 1 recovered, leaving 6 still under treatment.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

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[Inclosures.]

*Mortality statistics—Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of May, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., June 1, 1902.

Diseases of—			
Digestive system .....	26	Rheumatism.....	1
Respiratory system.....	10	Cancer .....	1
Circulatory system .....	6	Diphtheria .....	1
Nervous system.....	14	Puerperal fever.....	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	9	Hydrocephalus.....	1
Malaria .....	6	Peritonitis.....	1
Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	6	Poisoning from chloroform.....	1
Nephritis .....	1		
Hepatitis.....	1	Total.....	86

Number of deaths reported during May, 1902 (a).....	86
Number of deaths reported during May, 1901 (a).....	123
Number of births reported during May, 1902 (a).....	178
Number of births reported during May, 1901 (a).....	72

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of May, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., June 4, 1902.

Total number of vessels inspected during May, 1902 .....	16
Total number of vessels inspected during May, 1901.....	16
Total number of bills of health issued during May, 1902 ..	22
Total number of bills of health issued during May, 1901 .....	21
Number of passengers inspected during May, 1902 (incoming).....	105
Number of passengers inspected during May, 1902 (in transit).....	344
Number of crew inspected during May, 1902 .....	559
Number of vessels in quarantine during May, 1902 .....	3
Number of immigrants inspected during May, 1902.....	25
Rejections.....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during May, 1902 .....	73
Number of pieces of baggage inspected during May, 1902.....	38
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during May, 1902.....	2
Number of vaccinated.....	4
Number passed on previous vaccination.....	8

PONCE, P. R., June 16, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended June 14, 1902.

During the week 1 vessel was inspected and passed and 3 bills of health were issued.

The board of health reports that the last case was discharged from their smallpox hospital on the 9th instant and the place closed. In all, 74 cases were reported to me, though there have undoubtedly been many more unrecognized or concealed. Two of these cases were reported as smallpox and the others as varicella, though the official reports of the

board do not give the cases under either diagnosis. Possibly some cases were varicella, but I think by far the greater number have been true smallpox, though mostly mild cases.

Respectfully,

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*Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended June 7, 1902.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *June 9, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended June 7, 1902. June 3, French steamship *St. Simon*, from Havre, Bordeaux, and Saint Thomas, West Indies, with 5 immigrants. June 4, American steamship *Philadelphia*, from Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, and La Guayra, with 3 immigrants. Total, 8.

Respectfully,

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*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended June 7, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., *June 9, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended June 7, 1902. June 1, Spanish steamship *Berenguer el Grande*, from Barcelona, Torrevieja, Valencia, Cadiz, Canary Islands, San Juan, and Mayaguez, with 1 immigrant. June 3, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Fort de France, Pointe à Pitre, Bastell, and Saint Thomas, with 16 immigrants. Total, 17.

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*Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Three weeks ended May 23, 1902. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 55. No contagious diseases reported.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres*.—Month of March, 1902. Estimated population, 800,000. Total number of deaths, 1,045, including diphtheria, 16; enteric fever, 26; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 12; smallpox, 18, and 150 from tuberculosis.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Two weeks ended June 6, 1902. Estimated population, 1,232. One death. No contagious diseases.

*Green Turtle Cay—Abaco*.—Two weeks ended June 4, 1902. Estimated population, 3,314. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Nassau*.—Two weeks ended June 7, 1902. Estimated population,